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Commissioner for Patents  
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RESPONSE

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed December 11, 2002, please consider the following remarks. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the present U.S. Patent application. Claims 1-6, 8-14, 16-22 and 24 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103. No claims have been amended, canceled or added. Therefore, claims 1-6, 8-14, 16-22 and 24 remain pending.

Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. § 103

Rejections of Claims 1-6, 8-14, 16-22 and 24 based on Misra in view of Ginter and Pallakoff

Claims 1-6, 8-14, 16-22 and 24 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,189,146 issued to Misra et al. (*Misra*) in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,892,900 issued Ginter et al. (*Ginter*) and U.S. Patent No. 6,269,343 issued to Pallakoff (*Pallakoff*). For at least the reasons set forth below, Applicants submit that claims 1-6, 8-14, 16-22 and 24 are not rendered obvious by *Misra* in view of *Ginter* and *Pallakoff*.

Claim 1 recites the following: